4. BOMBAY/KOLHAPUR/BELGAUM/BOMBAY
5. BOMBAY/PORBANDER/KESHOD/BOMBAY
6. BOMBAY/AURANGABAD/BOMBAY
7. BOMBAY/PUNE/BOMBAY

American Tourists

3570. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Government has marked certain parts of India as "Red Areas" and has advised the American tourists not to visit such places;

(b) if so, the details of such areas;

(c) whether the Government have received any information from the US Government giving reasons for marking certain parts of India as "Red Areas"; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The US State Department issues travel advisories from time to time advising the American citizens to exercise caution while visiting certain countries including India. The parts of India mentioned in the latest advisory include the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Northern Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, etc.

(c) and (d) Such advisories are generally issued by the US Government on the basis of reported events of law and order problems. The matter has already been taken-up with the US Government through diplomatic channels.

Price of Petrol

3571. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
SHRI PIUS TIRAKY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the recent price hike, petrol in India becomes costlier as compared to most of the developed and developing countries;

(b) the reasons therefor and the comparative prices of petrol per litre in United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand Indonasia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, China and Argentina; and

(c) the details of the measures Government propose to take to curb adulteration in diesel with kerosene?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Information regarding petrol prices in different countries is not being maintained.

(c) Inspections of outlets, doping of kerosene with furfural and carrying out test etc.

Supply of Natural Gas to Gujarat

3572. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas is being supplied to Bharuch and Surat from domestic and industrial use;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to allocate natural gas to Nausari, Balsad, Vapi and Bilimora cities;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Natural gas is being supplied in Bharuch; supplies to Surat City are yet to commence.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Currently there is no availability of gas for such commitment in the region. *[Translation]*

Gas-Based Power Plants with Foreign Assistance

3573. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with foreign companies for